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		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/540,931
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/ES2004/000199	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 05 May 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 09 March 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION QUICK CONNECTING DEVICE FOR DUCTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Lucio Alfredo ITURGOYEN SABANDO et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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